

# LAITA

## TECHNICAL FILE

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Laita is a boat inspired by the Norwegian “prames” which were well-known all around the world at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as tenders of ships, and later as small pleasure vessels, due to their nautical qualities. Having very similar behaviour and performance to a small and lightweight centreboard, it offers the possibility to lower the mast and navigate by oar when there is no wind. The “prames” shape which provides good floatability and the possibility of reefing make it an ideal boat for the young and the children. Its behaviour on the sea is safe at all speeds. Its navigation in still waters is remarkable. On choppy sea it shakes, wets, but it keeps going. The normal crew consists of one or two adults; it can be three children as well.

LOA	3.60 m
LWL	2.85 m
BEAM	1,40 m
DRAFT CENTREBOARD UP	0,17 m
DRAFT CENTREBOARD DOWN	0,75m
WEIGHT	75 kg
CENTREBOARD	44 kg
SAIL AREA.	6.1 m2
CAPACITY	2-3 PERSONS
CATEGORIE	D

Being light-weight, about 75 kg., Laita can be moved by two people and transported on top of a car. Laita is very easy to build. It is a great way of practising for the individual builder, before hitting more sophisticated projects. That’s why, the Centre Nautique des Gléans and the team “Frère de Mer” have adopted this project as an educational project for the young people of French cities. About fifty Laitas have been built in this context. The amateur builder can choose a very complete file of plans, or a kit which contains not only the pieces required for the hull but also a template consisting of ordinary plywood pieces dovetailing and making the first steps of construction extremely easy and sure.



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